

THE SENATE SPOTLIGHT

Georgia State Senate Newsletter



CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS AT THE CAPITOL

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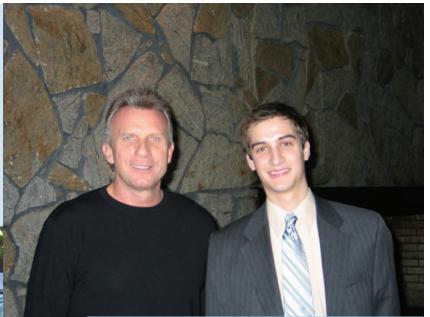


Tim Allen and John Travolta

The Capitol played host to a few celebrities this month, as the cast of the upcoming movie *Wild Hogs*, including John Travolta, Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence and William H. Macy, visited Atlanta to promote both their film and motorcycle safety. Gov. Sonny Perdue declared that day "Wild Hogs



Martin Lawrence waves to the crowd outside the CLOB



Joe Montana and John Smith, Senate Press Office aide

ous other riders, including Sen. Preston Smith, who brought their "hogs" to the Capitol for the event.

Days before, former San Francisco 49ers quarterback and NFL Hall of Famer Joe Montana stopped by for a health seminar on ways to manage high blood pressure.



Lt. Governor
Casey Cagle gives his sons Carter, left, and Grant (who gav- eled in Senate Bill 49), right, an inside look at the proceedings of the Senate when they visited with him in chamber.

FAMILY DAY 2007

Scrapbook





The SPOTLIGHT is on...Jill Travis!

What is your current position with the Senate?

This is my sixth session and I have served as Deputy Legislative Counsel for five of those sessions; I worked as Assistant Legislative Counsel for my first session. My clients are the members of the General Assembly, and I draft and research bills for members. I am assigned to the judiciary committees, so I draft a good deal of legislation related to the courts. I am counsel for six committees (including the Senate Judiciary and Ethics committees) and the Legislative Oversight Committee for the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. I am also responsible for maintaining Legislative Counsel's opinion database. Outside of session, I draft legislation, work with study committees, prepare summaries for the past session, do page proofs and work on other projects connected to the legislature.

Describe your professional background and what brought you to the General Assembly.

I went to college at Michigan State University and law school at Mercer University. After graduating from law school, I worked in downtown Atlanta for a sole practitioner in a general practice, and we later became partners. In 1990, I joined a small civil litigation firm in the Perimeter area. In late 1993, I was recruited to become the public defender for Douglas County, and I worked in that position for seven years. While I was there, our office received the Commitment to Excellence Award from the Georgia Indigent Defense Council.

Throughout my career, I have been active in teaching and continuing education as a speaker at various continuing legal education seminars, and since 1999, I have served as a staff member of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (GACDL) Bill Daniel Trial Advocacy Program. I have also served as President of GACDL. Looking for a new challenge, I came to the General Assembly in 2000, having discovered OLC through a neighbor friend of mine who was working in this office at the time.



Describe your personal background.

I grew up in Kalamazoo, MI, and have now lived in Georgia for more than half of my life. I am married to the man of my dreams, Alan, and we live in Inman Park with our precocious Portuguese Water Dog, Oscar. Family is central to our lives, so we spend a good bit of time visiting Sarasota, Weeki Wachee, Asheville, Los Angeles and Knoxville, where Alan grew up and his family still lives.

How do you spend your time away from work?

My mom was a physical education teacher and coach, so sports and exercise have always played a big role in my life. I am at the gym most days of the week, spinning, running, lifting weights and doing yoga. I have also been playing golf since I was old enough to swing a golf club. I love to entertain, and outside of session I devote a good bit of energy to that end. Alan and I are avid travelers, and beyond seeing family we enjoy a good adventure. This past fall we spent time in Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands.

Favorite Atlanta restaurant?

My favorite Atlanta restaurant is Los Lloros. Located in a non-descript strip mall, this Mexican dive offers the best margaritas and delicious food for unbeatable prices and a friendly staff that knows me, Alan and LC 33 (Betsy) by name because of our almost weekly visits!

Describe something people don't know about you.

I'm an art patron and enjoy eclectic, abstract, modern and whimsical art. "Jersey Girl," the black standard poodle on ice skates that hangs in my office is one of my favorites!

Don't forget:

Augusta Night
February 27, 2007

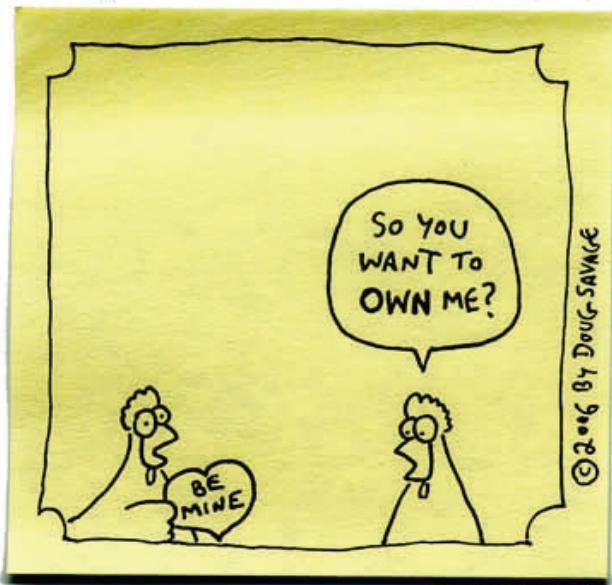
Macon Night
March 1, 2007

Georgia Train Depot

Happy Valentine's Day!

Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



Monthly Numbers

The net revenue collections for the month of January 2007 (FY07) totaled \$1,978,077,000 compared to \$1,795,724,000 for January 2006 (FY06), an increase of \$182,353,000 or 10.2 percent.

The percentage increase year-to-date for FY07 compared to FY06 is 6.5 percent.

*Wishing a
Happy
Birthday
to ...*

February 2007

Senator Seth Harp	Feb. 26 th
Beverly Crumbley, Legislative Assistant	Feb. 10 th
Mary Whiting, Legislative Assistant.....	Feb. 10 th
Marcia Wallace, Legislative Assistant	Feb. 17 th
Leah Tatum-Dick, Legislative Assistant	Feb. 18 th
Sharon Wilder, Legislative Assistant	Feb. 24 th
Clint Smith, IT Division	Feb. 3 rd
Kallarin Richards, Senate Press Office	Feb. 15 th
Jeffrey Foley, Secretary of the Senate.	Feb. 20 th